

IN THE CLAIMS

Please (a) cancel claims 3, 19 - 33, 35 - 37, 43, 45, 47, 48, 51 and 52, (b) add claim 53, and (c) further amend the claims as indicated below.

1. (currently amended) A communication device comprising:

a master microprocessor;

a security identity module operably connected to the master microprocessor through a bus;

a buffering device operable to communicate with said master microprocessor, wherein the

buffering device comprises a ~~microprocessor, and microprocessor;~~ and

a character recognition device operable to recognize handwritten characters provided in said

messages and convert the ~~hand-written~~ handwritten characters into text,

wherein said master microprocessor is operable to receive said messages from the buffering device or the security identity module;

wherein said buffering device is operably connected to the bus between the master microprocessor and the security identity module;

wherein each of the master microprocessor and the microprocessor of the buffering device is capable of controlling the character recognition device, and

wherein the communication device is a handset, and transmits said messages, with said text therein, via a communication network.

2 - 3. (canceled)

4. (original) A communication device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said buffering device comprises:

a quantizer operable to transform each of said messages into a collection of quantized messages

5. (original) A communication device as set forth in claim 4, wherein said buffering device further comprises:

a memory module operable to store said messages; and

an encoder operable to encode said messages prior to transmitting them.

6. (previously presented) A communication device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said bus is defined by GSM (Global System for Mobile Communication) standard 11.11.

7. (canceled)

8. (previously presented) A communication device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said communication device is compatible with GSM (Global System for Mobile Communication) standards.

9. (previously presented) A communication device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said communication device is a GSM (Global System for Mobile Communication) telephone.

10. (original) A communication device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said communication device is a PDA (Personal Digital Assistant).

11. (original) A communication device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said communication device is a wireless device.

12. (original) A communication device as set forth in claim 5, wherein said buffering device further comprises:

a decoder operable to decode received messages.

13. (currently amended) A communication device as set forth in claim ~~2~~ 53, wherein said message entry device comprises:

a free-hand writing area in which said free-hand drawn message can be entered.

14. (original) A communication device as set forth in claim 13, wherein said message entry device further comprises:

- a create portion operable to place said communication device in a freehand message entry mode when activated; and
- a save portion operable to store said free-hand drawn message into said buffering device.

15. (currently amended) A communication device as set forth in claim ~~2~~ 53, wherein said freehand drawn messages comprise handwritten text, hand-drawn pictures, or both.

16. (original) A communication device as set forth in claim 15, wherein said message entry device comprises:

- a text included portion operable to notify the master microprocessor that an optical character recognition function should be performed on the free-hand drawn message; and
- a language portion operable to notify the master microprocessor that the optical character recognition facility to be performed is different than a default language associated with the communication device.

17. (currently amended) The communication device ~~at~~ as set forth in claim 1, comprising: wherein said buffering device is further operable to receive standard SMS messages input on the communication device and free-hand created messages input using a free-hand compatible data entry device.

18. (previously presented) The communication device as set forth in claim 17, wherein said free-hand created messages can be transmitted as an SMS message, a facsimile message or an e-mail message.

19 - 48. (canceled)

49. (previously presented) The communication device of claim 1, further comprising:
a receiving portion operable to receive a message;
a first conversion device operable to convert said message into a freehand drawn message; and
wherein said message received by said receiving portion is a standard SMS message.

50 - 52. (canceled)

53. (new) A communication device as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:
a message entry device operable to provide said buffering device with a free-hand drawn message entered by a user with said message entry device.